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TAGS: OREP (SPARKMAN, JOHN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SPARKMAN

REF: A. STATE 044911 B. MOSCOW 2765

1. WE OF COURSE WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE  
TO CODEL SPARKMAN. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE  
VERY CLEAR IDEA OF SOVIET PLANNING AND DO NOT KNOW WHAT  
ROLE, IF ANY, SOVIETS ENVISAGE FOR EMBASSY DURING VISIT.  
IT IS ALSO UNCLEAR TO US SPECIFIC NATURE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANCE CODEL WISHES EMBASSY TO PROVIDE, BEYOND  
OPERATION OF CONTROL ROOM MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. FEDOSEYEV OF MFA USA DIVISION TOLD BREMENT MARCH 5  
THAT HE STILL HAD NO DEFINITE WORD FROM SUPREME SOVIET  
ON ARRANGEMENTS OR PROGRAM FOR CODEL BUT WOULD LET US  
KNOW. HE SAID THAT SEPARATE WIVES PROGRAM WITH SIGHTSEEING  
AND SHOPPING IS PLANNED. IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARK  
WAS THAT SOVIETS WOULD HANDLE INTERPRETING. ON  
FINANCING, HIS "PRELIMINARY RESPONSE" WAS THAT SUPREME  
SOVIET WOULD PAY ALL HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS.  
FEDOSEYEV ALSO UNOFFICIALLY RAISED MATTER OF  
TASHKENT-SAMARKAND-TASHKENT TRAVEL, SAYING THAT HE  
FELT TRAVEL BY AIR WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO GROUND  
TRANSPORT, WHICH WOULD BE TEDIOUS AND "WASTE TIME."

3. WE PROPOSE, IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING, TO PROVIDE  
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FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE TO CODEL AND WOULD APPRECIATE

YOUR COMMENTS:

(A) OPERATION OF CONTROL ROOM. CONTROL ROOM WOULD BE OPEN FOR ACCOMODATION EXCHANGE AND SALE OF HOSPITALITY ITEMS ON CODEL'S ARRIVAL AND FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. EACH DAY CODEL IS IN MOSCOW. WE ASSUME CODEL WILL NOT REQUIRE SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT EMBASSY WILLING TO PROVIDE ON "ON CALL" BASIS DURING VISIT.

(B) WIVES PROGRAM. SOVIETS ARE ORGANIZING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR WIVES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SHOPPING. FEDOSEYEV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WILL GIVE THIS DUE IMPORTANCE. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ASSIST 15 WIVES DURING VISIT. IF THERE AR SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE SERVICES OF SOME EMBASSY WIVES, WE WILL TRY TO FIND EMBASSY WIVES DESIROUS OF ASSISTING, BUT CODEL SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NO EMBASSY WIFE WOULD BE QUALIFIED TO ACT AS INTERPRETER.

(C) INTERPRETERS. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NUMBER OF GOOD RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE OFFICERS, WE DO NOT HAVE QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS ON STAFF. SOVIETS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE INTERPRETERS, BUT CODEL MAY WISH TO HAVE ITS OWN. DEPARTMENT INTERPRETERS COULD ACCOMPANY CODEL, IF THIS SERVICE IS DESIRED.

(D) ESCORT OFFICERS. BREMENT, LEVITSKY AND AS MANY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS AS DESIRED OR NEEDED WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO BE OF SERVICE TO THIS IMPORTANT DELEGATION.  
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